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## INFORMATION REPORT

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There was

probably a fishing harbor behind Bolshoy Oleniy Island (N 69-13, E 36-29).  
Trawlers were observed going in and out regularly.

2. The land on both sides of the Mezen River was very flat. One could see inland for miles over marsh land. Along the river bank there was just low brush, but farther inland there was a rather small spruce forest. Toward the Olkhovka River, an opening had been made in the woods where two large navigational markers were located.

3. On the west bank of the river, just above Tolstik Head, there was a tower with platforms of ten levels (sic). The pilot referred to the tower as the "observatory", and he said that it was an aircraft spotting station.

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4. There were two radio masts, which were not particularly high, on the western bank of the river above Kamenka (N 65-53, E 44-05).

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5. Sawmill No. 49 was vacant. did not observe any loading area at the sawmill. the sawmill was previously called "Rusanov".

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6. Toward Kamenka. The quay was reportedly moved because the river was filling with silt.

7. The liners SIBIR and KARELIA arrived at Mezen

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The SIBIR was a modern diesel-powered passenger ship of about 3,000 tons deadweight. The SIBIR had a Mayer bow, a large enclosed superstructure painted white, and a black hull. The stack was painted black and marked with a red ring and a hammer and sickle. The KARELIA was a combined cargo and passenger ship; it was about 1800 tons deadweight, and was probably diesel-powered. The hull and stack were painted gray, but the superstructure was white.

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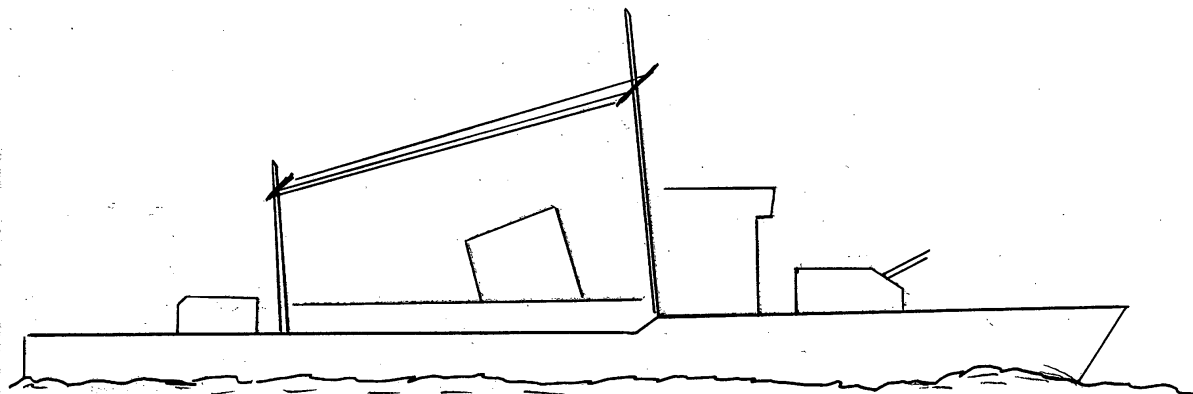
9. [ ] a passenger plane [ ] landed and took off at a place on the eastern shore of the river, north of the city of Mezen. The plane appeared several times each day. Because of the prevailing northern wind, the plane frequently came in from the south.

10. [ ] when the ship was passing the Kola Peninsula, [ ] observed four naval vessels. These ships were seen several times but always from a distance. Each vessel had one stack, a tall mast on the after end of the bridge, and a shorter mast near the stern. There was a twin-gun turret on the foredeck. Each ship appeared to have a displacement of between 2,000 and 3,000 tons. See page 3 for a sketch of one of the vessels.

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Sketch of Naval Vessel:



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